THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) and (b) Just before the negotiation with World Bank for Reproductive & Child Health (RCH)—II project in April 2005, the World Bank submitted a confidential interim report prepared by its Department of Institutional Integrity to the Department of Economic Affairs containing preliminary findings of a review in regard to certain procurement irregularities under the RCH-I project. Among other things, the interim report noted that a large percentage of contracts for procurement of drugs & medicines were awarded to two pharmaceutical firms namely (i) M/s. Pure Pharma Ltd. Indore (ii) M/s. Nestor pharmaceutical, New Delhi. The Ministry examined the contracts awarded under RCH-I and found evidences that the above two firms were in collusion to win a large number of contracts.

(c) and (d) The Ministry suspected further business with the two firms till December 2006.

(e) The Ministry has established Empowered Procurement Wing (EPW) in order to consolidate, streamline, and strengthen the procurement activity and to professionalize the procurement of health sector goods. Under EPW, the Ministry has also engaged the services of a Consultant Organization to improve transparency and efficiency in the procurement of health sector goods by creating an effective system of procurement monitoring, reporting, supplier performance and complaint redressal.

Funds for expansion of health services in Madhya Pradesh

†1892. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds provided to the Government of Madhya Pradesh during the years 2005-06 and 2006-07 for expansion of health services and construction of buildings in rural areas;

(b) the funds released by the Central Government during above period for the purchase of medicines and equipments for rural areas; and

(c) the funds provided to open trauma centres in Madhya Pradesh during the above period alongwith the names of places where trauma centres are to be opened?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) The funds provided to the Government of Madhya Pradesh during the year 2005-06 and 2006-07 for Reproductive and Child Health-II (RCH) Programme are Rs. 66.20 crores and Rs. 50.24 crores respectively. RCH-II failing under the overall umbrella of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) intends to improve the performance of the family welfare programmes in reducing maternal mortality and morbidity and unwanted pregnancy. Under Indira Awas Yojana an amount of Rs. 95.92 crores has been released to 48 districts of Madhya Pradesh for construction of houses in rural areas. During 2006-07 an amount of Rs. 38.63 crores has been released as a first installment out of an allocation of Rs. 79.77 crores under the programme.

(b) Under NRHM an amount of Rs. 23.34 crores has been released to the State of Madhya Pradesh for procurement of drugs under Accrediated Social Health Activists (ASHA) kit-A and kit-B, Primary Health Centres (PHCs) kit, Reproductive Transmitted Infection (RTI) kit/Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) kits under RCH and Community Health Centres (CHCs)/First Referral Units (FRUs) kits under NRHM.

(c) During 2005-06 to 2006-07, an amount of Rs. 1.48 crores each has been sanctioned for District Hospital Shahdol and Ratlam for up-gradation of emergency service located on national highways. An amount of Rs. 1.50 crores has been sanctioned for District Hospital Guna under the programme.

Malaria eradication in Madhya Pradesh

†1893. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the extended malaria prevention programme in Madhya Pradesh with the assistance of World Bank has come to an end;

(b) if so, whether second phase of the project is not required;

(c) whether approval has been accorded for this purpose; and

(d) if not, by when the approval would be accorded, keeping in view the situation of malaria in tribal dominated districts in Madhya Pradesh?

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